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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: EAGR ETRD ECON XL
SUBJECT: TRADE BANS ON PORK DUE TO H1N1 FEARS: ST. LUCIA
RESPONSE

REF: SECSTATE 44254

¶1. (SBU) FAS Officer demarched St. Lucia Chief Veterinary Officer George Joseph regarding the pork ban as requested reftel. Joseph confirmed the ban, and declined to consider lifting it at this time. We will continue to follow up with ag ministry contacts and MFA. The CVO in St. Lucia has broad authorities and autonomy within the government structure, making it difficult for other ministries or officials to compel action.

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